MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) & (*c*) These do not arise in view of answer to question (*a*).

(*d*) Yes. Rs. 6000.

(*e*) The amount is being spent on usual maintenance works and the answer to the latter part is in the affirmative.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP : With reference to part (*e*), may I know the approximate amount spent hitherto ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : Rs. 6,000 a year.

Restoration of tanks in the Agasteswaram taluk.

182. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any amounts have been expended for restoration of tanks in the Agastisvaram taluk for the last five years ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the actual amounts expended each year for those five years ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) *A statement is placed on the table.

Opening of branches of the Land Mortgage Bank.

183. *MR. E. P. VARGHESE (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether representations have been received from the people of Neyyattinkara, Vilavankod, Kalkulam and Agasteswaram praying for the opening of branches of the Land Mortgage Bank in these taluks ?

*MR. K. J. CHERIYAN (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : The answer is in the negative.

Statement re patients in the District Hospital, Kottar.

184. *MR. D. FRANCIS : (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of patients fed, the cost of diet, etc., in the District Hospital, Kottar, from 1110 to 1112 ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Surgeon General*) : The †statement is placed on the table.

Rowdyism in Suramkudy Village.

185. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether one Arumugam Chettiyar in Eattamoly village in Dharmapuram pakuthy presented a petition in Chittrai or Vykasi 1113 to the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Nagercoil, stating that some rowdies in Suramkudy village made forcible capture of his goods when passing along the Kottar-Dharmapuram road; and

* Vide Appendix I p. 761.
† Vide Appendix II p. 761.

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(*b*) the action taken thereon?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (a)

Opening and closing of the L. B. C.

186. *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Committee convened by the Executive Engineer, Nagercoil in his office on the 6th June 1938 arrived at any decision, regarding the opening and closing of the L. B. C. for the Kanni crop of 1114; and

(*b*) if so, what were the decisions?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The decision was as follows: —

"In view of the very serious condition at present on account of the want of rains and also in view of the present low reading of 3·80 in the Kodayar Reservoir this evening, which by itself is sufficient to irrigate, up to full field, only about 1,500 acres of the ayacut, this conference resolves that the first supply of water may be given to the maximum of about 18,000 acres in the upper reaches of the channels, as it is not possible to bring the same to the tail end lands."

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I ask whether at any time the decision of the Committee was communicated by the Government, instead of by the Executive Engineer?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I have no information on that point; but I may say that it was a committee approved by the Government.

Establishment of Dispensaries in the Parur taluk.

187. *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations regarding the establishment of dispensaries at Munambom and Puthenchira in Parur taluk; and

(*b*) what steps, if any, they have taken in the matter?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS) M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This was included in the scheme for the opening of new dispensaries under the Rural Medical Relief Scheme. But it was ordered that the consideration of the scheme should be postponed on financial grounds.

Patients attending the Hospitals.

188. *MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to give the average number of in-patients and out-patients who attended a District Hospital and a Dispensary in Travancore per day in 1112?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS) M. POONEN LUKOSE: District Hospitals: In-patients—43; Out patients—279·36.
District Dispensaries: In-patients—3; Out patients—111·04.

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